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**Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application**  
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**For: Methods for Producing Labeled Nucleic Acids or Proteins**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
4. Preliminary Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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